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SUBJECT: UN FINANCES: FIFTH COMMITTEE DISCUSSES PROGRAM

BUDGET SECTIONS 21 (PUBLIC INFORMATION) AND 26 (CONSTRUCTION)

REF: USUN 5625

1. SUMMARY: AT ITS 1730TH MEETING, NOV 5, FIFTH COMMITTEE
CONSIDERED COLOMBIAN DRAFT RES IN A/C.5/L.1241/REV.2 AND MANY
ORAL AMENDMENTS THERETO. AT REQUEST OF BRAZIL DEL, COMMITTEE
VOTED TO ADJOURN DEBATE UNDER RULE 116 AND CHAIRMAN SUGGESTED
COLOMBIAN REP MEET WITH DELEGATES IN ATTEMPT TO COME UP
WITH COMPOSITE DRAFT FOR PRESENTATION AT MEETING NOV 6.
COMMITTEE APPROVED \$30,706,400 UNDER SECTION 21 OF PROGRAM
BUDGET (OFFICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION) BY VOTE OF 75 - 1 (US)
-8 (SOVIET BLOC). AFTER BRIEF DISCUSSION, COMMITTEE
APPROVED \$12,488,000 UNDER SECTION 26 OF PROGRAM BUDGET
(CONSTRUCTION, ETC.) BY VOTE OF 73 (US) -9 (SOVIET BLOC)
-1 (ROMANIA). PROGRAM FOR AFTERNOON MEETING ON WEDNESDAY,
NOVEMBER 5, IS GIVEN IN PARA FOUR BELOW. END SUMMARY

2. PUBLIC INFORMATION POLICIES AND ACTIVITIES-

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COLOMBIAN REP INTRODUCED HER REVISED DRAFT (A/C.5/L.

1241/REV.2), SAYING HER DEL ACCEPTED PROPOSALS OF USSR, NORWAY, DENMARK, FINLAND, SWEDEN, AND CANADA, AND WAS STUDYING TUNISIA'S. ADDED THAT SHE WAS STRIVING FOR CONSENSUS, IN EFFORT TO BENEFIT UN AND ITS MEMBERS BY CHANGE OF PRIORITIES IN PUBLIC INFORMATION ACTIVITIES. SHE WAS ASSURED BY CHAIRMAN THAT DRAFT HAD NO FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AT THIS TIME.

3. TUNISIAN REP INTRODUCED A/C.5/L.1246, WHICH AMENDED OPERATIVE PARA 3 OF A/C.5/L.1241/REV.1, AND SAID IT WOULD COSPONSOR COLOMBIAN BASIC DRAFT. PHILIPPINE REP SUGGESTED AMENDMENT IN OP PARA 1 OF L.1241/REV.2--"...REGARDING POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, SOCIAL, CULTURAL, AND HUMANITARIAN ACHIEVEMENTS..." FRANCE ACCEPTED 1241/REV.2, 1246, 1245, 1242 AS AMENDED BY USSR, AND 1243. FRG SUBMITTED ORAL AMENDMENT TO PREAMBULAR PARA 5 OF 1241/REV.2--"CONCERNED TO ENSURE THAT THE MEDIA AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC RECEIVE A FULL AND BALANCED ACCOUNT OF THE FUNCTIONING OF THE UN AND IN ORDER TO INCREASE PUBLIC SUPPORT AND CONFIDENCE IN THE ACTIVITIES OF THE ORGANIZATION." ARGENTINA, ECUADOR AND GHANA ALSO SUPPORTED 1241/REV.2. MEXICO SUPPORTED 1241/43;2 AND SUBMITTED ORAL AMENDMENT TO OP PARA 1--ADDING AT END "AND THE CHARTER OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF STATES." AUSTRALIA SUPPORTED 1241/REV.2 AND ITS AMENDMENTS ON UNDERSTANDING MATTER BE DISCUSSED NEXT YEAR IN COMMITTEE 5. COSTA RICA AND DOMINICAN REPUBLIC SUPPORTED TUNISIAN AMENDMENT IN 1246. KUWAIT SUPPORTED 1241/REV.2 AND 1246 AND FRG AMENDMENT. NEW ZEALAND SUGGESTED CHANGING FRG AMENDMENT TO READ "DETERMINED TO ENSURE THAT THE MEDIA AND THE PUBLIC OPINION CONTINUE TO RECEIVE..." NETHERLANDS ECHOED ITALY'S CONCERN ABOUT WHICH COMMITTEE WOULD BE EMPOWERED TO CONSIDER ITEM NEXT YEAR AND SUGGESTED ELIMINATION OF "ORGANIZATION" IN SECOND PREAMBULAR PARA OF 1241/REV.2. CHAIRMAN SAID AMENDMENT PROPOSED BY TUNISIA IN 1241/REV.1 CONFLICTED WITH DRAFT DECISION IN 1242 AND THAT, IT TUNISIAN PROPOSAL WERE ACCEPTED, TI WOULD HAVE PRIORITY IN VOTING. BRAZIL SUGGESTED CLOSURE OF DEBATE.

4. SECTION 26 (CONSTRUCTION, ETC.) - MEXICAN DEL ASKED UNCLASSIFIED

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WHY TWO SEPARATE STUDIES WERE MADE RE EXPANSION OF SEATING IN CONFERENCE ROOMS TO 150 OR 160. BUDGET DIRECTOR LAVAU EXPLAINED THAT FIRST STUDY OF SEATING FOR 150 WAS MADE FIVE YEARS AGO AND NEW STUDY NEEDED NOW TO ACCOMMODATE 160. AFTER VOTE ON SECTION 26 (SEE SUMMARY ABOVE) COMMITTEE TOOK NOTE OF SYG REPORTS ON PALAIS DE NATIONS (A/C.5/1690 AND 1694). ACABQ CHAIRMAN MSELLE EXPLAINED THAT ADDITIONAL \$105,000 WILL BE REQUIRED IN

BUDGET FOR 1974/1975 TO MEED INFLATIONARY COST INCREASES
IN BANGKOK PER PARA SIX OF DOCUMENT A/C.5/1673. THIS
APPROPRIATION WILL BE DECIDED ON IN CONNECTION
WITH THE SYG'S PERFORMANCE REPORT FOR THE BIENNIIUM.

5. ON WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, NOVEMBER 5, COMMITTEE WILL
TAKE UP BUDGET SECTION 24 (UN BOND ISSUE), AGENDA ITEM
101 (PUBLICATIONS AND DOCUMENTATION), LETTER TO CHAIRMAN
FROM 27 DELEGATES RE FINANCIAL SITUATION, CURRENCY
INSTABILITY AND, POSSIBLY, AGENDA ITEM 99 (JOINT INSPEC-
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